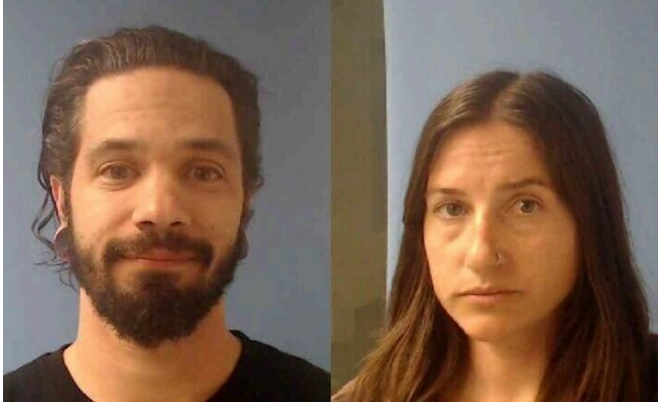


Is Resolution on the Horizon? Illegal Fireworks Suspects back in Court

June 5, 2025



Nearly one year has elapsed since the near tragic incident involving illegal fireworks on South Beach, July 4, 2024.

The case has slowly meandered the circuitous legal road. Last week, Superior Court Judge Darren McElfresh allowed the legal separation of suspects Levi Howard Wayne Mills, 34 and Megan Rae Warner, 33.

Mills has entered GUILTY pleas on two counts:

- Possession of a destructive device in a public place. Special allegation of great bodily harm on a child under age 5.

All the above charges are felonies.

The child, Baby B (William Lupan) has made steady progress toward full recovery. Adult Rose Reppond was also injured during the incident, as stated in the Special Allegation. Reppond's recovery and condition were not made public.

Mills will be sentenced Tuesday, July 29 at 9:00am in Dept.1, Del Norte c

County Superior Court, Judge McElfresh presiding.

Suspect Warner has entered Not Guilty pleas to:

- Possession of a destructive device in a public place.
- Possession of an explosive

The above charges are felonies

A Readiness Conference is scheduled for July 10 and a jury trial is scheduled for July 14.